(c) The recruitment work is being computerised gradually to speed up the process of recruitment. In addition, the system of placement of indent and method of conducting interview have also been rationalised.

(d) and (e). The staff rendered surplus, if any, due to computerisation, are being redeployed on other productive jobs and no body is being retrenched.

Foot Over Bridges at Madras Central Station

4171. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a foot over bridge connecting all the 13 platforms at Madras Central Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A proposal for providing a foot over bridge connecting platform Nos. 1 to 12 at Madras Central Railway Station was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 27.8 lakh approximate as a part of the following two works:

i) Madras Central - Waiting hall and other amenities.

ii) Madras Central - Yard remodelling.

As the latest estimated cost of these works is substantially higher than the originally anticipated cost, some works including that of foot over bridge, which can be taken up independently, have been deferred.

Cricket Stadium in Delhi

4172. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium does not have proper cricket ground condition;

(b) if so, the reasons for organising cricket matches there; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to construction a good cricket stadium in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium was constructed at the time of 1982 Asiad specifically for the opening and closing ceremonies, and for conduct of athletics and football events. It was not meant for cricket.

(b) In the past 9 years, matches have been organised only on 6 occasions with a view to raise funds for charitable purposes.

(c) No proposal is pending for construction of any cricket stadium in Delhi. The existing Feroz Shah Kotia Cricket Stadium in Delhi is a very good cricket stadium.

[*Translation*]

AGN Passengers Train from Hathras Quila

4173. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to start AGN passenger train from Hathras Quila; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Wagons for Sikkim

4174. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests have been received from the Government of Sikkim for allotment of wagons to ensure regular movement of iodised salt from Chirai in Gujarat to the state; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Government of Sikkim had recently asked Salt Commissioner and the Railways to postpone the programme of movement from November to December, 1991 due to heavy stock of iodised salt.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Operation of Vayudoot services

4175. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Vayudoot services in operation at present;

(b) the expenditure incurred on each service during the last three years;

(c) whether the air services operating between Bombay-Delhi via Surat has been restored; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Vayudoot is at present operating to 45 stations shown in Statement below.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot service on the route Bombay-Surat-Udaipur-Delhi has been discontinued.

STATEMENT

1. Delhi
2. Dehradun
3. Kanpur
4. Lucknow
5. Ludhiana
6. Chandigarh
7. Jodhpur
8. Jaisalmer
9. Kulu
10. Shimla
11. Gaggal
12. Agartala
13. Kailashahar
14. Aizawl
15. Calcutta
16. Cooch-Behar